

Stop the Murder Trial! Support the Berlin 7!

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Hello, dear antifascist friends and human rights activists!

On September, 20th 1994 one of biggest trials against antifascists since 1945 will start in Berlin. The accused - mainly Kurdish and Turkish immigrants - are facing a charge of "premeditated collective murder ". In April 1992, a meeting of fascist cadres was attacked and the Berlin-secretary of the neofascist "German League/The Nationals", Gerhard Kaindl, died. Friends and supporters of the accused are rejecting the murder charge and call for a day of international protest and solidarity on September, 19th.

The New Situation

The Judge is Contemplating the Exclusion of the Public

Meanwhile, two more antifascists, Carlo Blietz and Seyho Eraaslan, handed themselves to the police, so now 7 antifascists are being charged in this trial. The presiding judge, Mrs. Eschenhagen, is contemplating the exclusion of the public during the whole trial. That would mean, that no one would be allowed into the courtroom except for the three judges, the state prosecutor, the 7 accused and their lawyers as well as the fascist witnesses. All public - including relatives and supporters of the imprisoned antifascists, human rights activists and the media, would be barred from observing the trial. If the public would be excluded from a trial of such dimensions, a fair trial is impossible. Behind closed doors, the Berlin police, the Secret Service and the state prosecutor would then be able to assert their version of the event and present their collection of evidence as the truth. It would be much harder to question and uncover the role of the Berlin police and the Secret Service (Staatsschutz) in handing over names and addresses of antifascists to militant neofascists as well as their doubtful role in interrogating the two accused youths, who made the incriminating statements without the presence of a lawyer.

Call for International Protest and Solidarity

Please help the accused antifascists in making the circumstances of the trial public. In our first newsletter we called for international solidarity actions in front of German institutions in your country in order to make the Berlin authorities fully aware that their actions will be subject of international observations and protest. It is very important that you send telefaxes or telegrams to the presiding judge as well as the state prosecutor and the Berlin government on September 20th (see addresses below).

Solidarity actions will take place in several countries. Among them there are France (Paris), England (Manchester and Newcastle), Austria (Vienna), Norway (Tromsø and

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Bergen), Netherlands (Amsterdam and Rotterdam), Spanish State (Valencia and Barcelona) and the US (Washington D.C.)(as of 15.09.1994).

Please let us know if you plan any actions or activities until September 18th (deadline), so we will be able to inform the press about these activities at the international press conference on September 19th in Berlin. Please fax the reports about your activities to Berlin on the evening of the 19th, we will make these good news public, both to the press as well as at the public rally of the supporters during the first day of the trial.

If possible, we would urge you to send observers to the trial, if the public will not be excluded. We are organizing the accommodation, food and translation for those who come to witness the trial. In addition, we will seek for financial assistance for necessary travel expenses.

Ideally, we would like to have at least one international observer present during each day of the trial. The court will be in session two days a week until at least December. Due to the threat of the judge to exclude the public we have to concentrate on the opening day of the trial.

So far, a number of people have confirmed that they will come as observers for the opening of the trial. Among them are: Mike Luft from Searchlight Magazine, Manchester, Attorney Len Weinglass from New York City (human rights lawyer), founding member of the Tupamaros Gloria Escheveste and another comrade from the Tupamaros.

The first newsletter with background informations is available in an updated version in English, French, Spanish, Turkish, Arabic and Italian. This newsletter is being sent to groups and individuals in more than 30 countries worldwide. Please send the informations to other groups you are in contact with.

Sincerely - International Solidarity Group - Berlin

Do not leave Fatma, Abidin, Mehmet, Carlo, Seyho, Bazdin and Erkan in the hands of the German "justice" system!

Protest at your local German institution - consulate, embassy, chamber of commerce, Goethe Institute, German banks and multinationals etc. on September, 19th!

Write letters of protest and support to state prosecutor Nielsen
(StAA Berlin, z.Hd. StA Nielsen, Az.: 1 Kap Js 679/92, Turmstr. 91, D-10548 Berlin)

Send faxes (49-30-397 920 10) of protest on the first day of the trial, September 20th to the court, addressed to Judge Eschenhagen!

Send letters/faxes of protest also to Berlin Senator of Justice,
Dr. Lore-Maria Peschel-Gutzeit!
(Salzburger Str. 21-25, 10825 Berlin, fax: 49-30-783 39 36)

And please, send us a copy of those faxes as well !!!

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